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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Steven K. Stringer et al.  
Application No. : 10/616,116 Confirmation No.: 5023  
Filed : July 8, 2003  
For: INTEGRATED BLOOD HANDLING SYSTEM HAVING  
ACTIVE GAS REMOVAL SYSTEM AND METHODS  
OF USE  
Group Art Unit : 3762  
Examiner : Patricia M. Bianco

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

A three month extension of time is respectfully requested to respond to the Office action dated August 31, 2004, received in the above-identified application, thereby extending the time for response until December 31, 2004, inclusive. Authorization to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2298 in an amount appropriate for a three month extension, small entity status, is enclosed herewith.

Responsive to the above-identified Office action, applicant makes the following amendments and remarks.